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The following persons have subs that will expire with this issue - Acheson, Allen, S. Jackson, Jacobs, Sandelin, Wall, & Powers.

No game openings, but standbys are needed and appreciated.

Ship's Log

This will be a small issue so that I can get to you on time. All but a few of the letters will be held until next time. Hopefully, I'll put together a non-game issue in two weeks that will include all of the letters that I have on file.

One letter that I will print now is from Ed Jacobs. It pertains to what I've been up to and why I haven't the time to type all of the other letters:

"I sent this letter instead of a post card in the hope that, since it can't be read by postal employees (they're easily entertained and I bet that at every point that one of them handled my card — they read it with a great deal of amusement), it should arrive on time!

"Isn't flight great!!! If the taxpayers knew how much fun it is they would strenuously object to the money spent on fuel (not to mention the money spent on other things). Anyway, in the dim recollections of my memory I conjure up various images and relive the extreme joy I felt at that time in my life. It is thanks to you (and what you are going through now) that has triggered this as I really haven't thought back to that time in a very long time. So I guess I should thank you first and then wish you the very best of luck!!!"

Thanks for the letter, Ed, and I can assure you all that flying is indeed fun. Your comments about the taxpayers hit home. I often marvel that I'm really getting paid to do what I'm doing now.

Last Friday (my birthday) I had the first big test on my way to becoming a Naval Aviator. This was my safe-for-solo check flight. Basically it was a final exam for the Familiarization portion of the training. I showed that I can handle the plane safely under normal and emergency conditions. I was quite nervous, but passed. I was scheduled to take my first solo flight that afternoon, but the winds were too strong and I'll try again tomorrow.

The NASL Indoor regular season is over and the Sockers are once again victorious. The playoffs will be over by the time you read this. As I type San Diego leads New York one game to none in the finals after defeating Golden Bay two straight in the semis. This prompted a card from Jerry Lucas reading, "I lose. Do I owe you one article or two? Damn those Sockers!"

I believe the terms of the bet dictate that you owe me one article. I read something that showed that the NASL is again in financial trouble and it's possible that the outdoor season may not even start.

On another soccer note, my brother's high school team lost in the semi-finals for the San Diego County championship. However both he and Scott were named to first team all-conference team with Scott receiving MVP honors. As well, Scott was first team all-county and Peter was on the second team. Well done.

The baseball season is upon us again, and it looks to be a good one for my San Diego Padres. They've started out with four straight wins and already have a three game lead on the rest of the NL West pack. The early favorite for oddity of the season has to go to Chicago white Sox thirdbaseman Mike Squires. He's left-handed!

All New RM Quiz!

Here it is ... what you've all been waiting for. The NEW RM Quiz. But first, the reading of the rules.

1. All questions must be answered without the benefit of research. Research shall be defined as including, but not limited to looking in books, magazines, or newspapers, and asking other persons. Participants are expected to compete under the spirit of this rule as well as the letter.

2. If a participant is found to have violated rule #1, a penalty will be assessed. Said penalty can range from loss of points to being barred from further competition. I'll be very surprised if I ever have to use this rule, since if someone cheats it will be next to impossible to catch him or her.

That's the extent of the rules. They're quite simple and I think you can all figure them out. As research, I'm talking about actively looking for answers. If you happen to read something or hear something that gives you an answer, that's okay. Just don't go looking. The idea is to test your knowledge, not your library.

The questions used will be written off the top of my head. The last few years that I was at the University, I participated in College Bowl. This is a quiz contest of sorts. (In fact, the national semifinals and finals will be televised this spring on NBC. Minnesota will be there, but I'll be surprised if we make it to the semis) For practice, we would write questions to ask each other. These will be of the same sort except that they will be easier in some ways (because I don't want to scare you away) and harder in other ways (since you will have a month to think about them as opposed to ten seconds)

Question Set #1

1. What North American professional soccer player is known as "The Lord of All Indoors"?

2. You are at a party and you meet each of the following fictional characters. What would you expect each of them to be drinking? (½ point each) a. Capt. Frank Furillo b. James Bond c. J.R. Ewing d. Mike Hammer

3. Princess Anne of Great Britain was a competitor at the 1976 Summer Olympics at Montreal. In the official Olympics program a listing was made in alphabetical order of all of the competitors. Under which letter was she listed?

4. In the movie "The Lion in Winter", Peter O'Toole and Kathryn Hepburn play an English king and his queen. Which king and queen were portrayed?

5. Which American state has licence plates that proclaim it as the "Land of Enchantment"?

6. In 1979, the United States was building four first rate destroyers of the Shah of Iran. After the revolution which saw the Shah deposed the ships were completed and kept by the U.S. Navy. These are the current Kidd class destroyers and are among the most powerful destroyers in the world today. But due to their original destination, they are also known by a nickname. What is this nickname?

7. You are watching the "Tonight Show" and Carson is doing his famous "Carnac the Magnificent" bit. Before handing Johnny the envelopes, Ed tells us where and under what conditions they have been kept. What does Ed say? (exact words, please)

8. The word "antidisestablishmentarianism" is among the longest in the English language. What is the origin of this word?

9. The 1975 World Series was one of the most exciting in recent memory. The Cincinnati Reds' bullpen featured two rookies known as the "Gold Dust Boys". Who were they?

10. Who employs the most people on NAS Corpus Christi? a. U.S. Navy b. U.S. Coast Guard c. U.S. Army d. Beachcraft Aerospace.

A few months ago I wrote a question asking where the U.S. embassy to Israel was located. I thought it would be a real good question, but recent events have made it common knowledge. As you can see, these questions will reflect my interests and knowledge. A one issue prize will be awarded for each monthly winner, as well as a grand prize at the end. Answers due for next issue!

A Rebuttal

by FOS (Face of Seaweed)

Two issues ago, you ran an article that I wrote in which I expressed certain theories as to why I felt that the Air Force is considered a distant fourth when compared with the other three services. The latest issue of Raging Main contains a rebuttal by Lt. Mark Fassio of the U.S. Air Force. After reviewing Lt. Fassio's article, I personally believe that his efforts actually tend to support my contentions rather than detract from them.

First of all, Lt. Fassio has unfortunately chosen to rebut on a lower level than the original article was written. He has tried to use the old politician's ploy of repudiating an opponent's ideas through personal attacks on that person's character. His reference to the Bantu translation of Hager coupled with his statement, "Consider then, the source of these blatant (sic) attacks on the 'Force'." clearly illustrates my point. Personal attack is generally employed when the attacker has nothing more substantive with which to debate, so it is understandable in this situation and is consistent with my stated position regarding the Air Force.

Lt. Fassio digresses from the point of my original discussion to provide commentary on a concept called "air power" which appears to be analogous to Alfred Mahan's sea power. He offers some examples of this "air power" in history although none of them relates to the U.S. Air Force. As a former officer in the Naval aviation community and an alumnus of both the Navy's flight school at Pensacola, Florida and the Armed Forces Air Intelligence Training Center at Lowery AFB, I am well aware of the concept of "air power". If Lt. Fassio will take the time to review my original discussion, he'll find that I did not impugn the importance of "air power", but merely suggested that the U.S. Air Force was incapable of providing it. In my opinion, Lt. Fassio again tacitly supports my position when he uses the Battle of Midway as an example. Lacking a significant military victory of the Air Force, Lt. Fassio actually cites the greatest U.S. Naval victory of WWII and somehow alludes that it represents an achievement for the Air Force. Sorry, lieutenant, but that battle was won by Navy pilots.

Lt. Fassio provided us with another gem of wisdom in his statement, "Incidentally, NO ONE asked you guys to copy our ideas and fly." Please explain, lieutenant. Who exactly is the "our" referenced in that statement? Are you suggesting that the U.S. Air Force invented flight? What do you mean by "copy" since Naval aviation pre-dates the U.S. Air Force? Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "copy" as "an imitation". I can see where it can be construed that the Air Force "copied" from its elder services who's air branches date back quite a ways, but I can't see how you can logically maintain that the Navy has "copied" the Air Force. As far as keeping out of the air goes, I'm sure the Navy Department will be more than happy to turn over the job of maintaining air superiority at sea to the U.S. Air Force just as soon as they demonstrate the ability to perform the job with the same degree of expertise currently displayed by Navy pilots. After all, how many Air Force fighter jocks have bagged a Libyan MiG lately?

Lt. Fassio's comments about space are interesting as well. He states, "...you can forget about 'navies' in space games." It's interesting because we already adopted naval terminology to space flight in our society. Who hasn't heard of the Voyages of the starship Enterprise and of Star Fleet Command? Wasn't it Captain Kirk, not Colonel Kirk? A vessel moving through space more closely approximates a ship moving through the ocean than an aircraft moving through the air. The problems associated with a ship at sea such as navigation and communications are relevant to space travel as well. We think in terms of "voyages" when referring both to sea travel and space flight due to the duration of the underway time. I wouldn't rule out "navies" in space yet, lieutenant.

It is apparent from Lt. Fassio's commentary that the Air Force requires little from it's officers regarding a knowledge of military history. I feel I would be remiss if I failed to comment on the multitude of errors and the unsupported innuendos so prevalent throughout the lieutenant's discussion. The Lexington was sunk during the Battle of Coral Sea approximately one month prior to Midway. The U.S. carriers at Midway were the Yorktown, Hornet and Enterprise (why does that name ring a bell?). The lieutenant also refers to the "5 years" it took the army to defeat those "dumb Southern boys". The Federal garrison surrendered Fort Sumter to Confederate forces on April 13, 1861 which heralded the start of the Civil War. General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to U.S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865, almost four years later to the day. Where

did that 5th year come from to which the lieutenant refers? As far as the IQ's of the participants is concerned, I have little factual information, however it is generally accepted that the South's success could be partially attributed to the brilliance of men like Lee, JEB Stuart, "Stonewall" Jackson, et al. The lieutenant lightly dismisses the Indian campaigns, however military historians generally consider the Plains Indians to rank among the best light cavalry in the world while the Apaches attained a similar expertise as light infantry. The campaign of Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce' tribe in the Pacific Northwest is still studied at West Point as a classic military campaign.

It is of interest that Lt. Fassio failed to address the basic premise of my original position and thus, in my opinion, implicitly supports my contentions. In my original commentary I made the statement, "Perhaps sometime in the distant future, the Air Force will be able to come up with some achievements notable enough that they'll finally be accepted by the other services." Lt. Fassio not only failed to provide an example of an Air Force victory that might dispute my statement but actually put forth the Battle of Midway, Naval Aviation's finest hour. When challenged to name a famous Air Force hero, Lt. Fassio responded with Billy Mitchell; another concession of defeat.

In conclusion, I must submit the Lt. Fassio has failed to dispute my contention that the capabilities of the Air Force as a combat organization are certainly subject to question. Perhaps another "man in blue" out there will pick up the gauntlet and acquit himself with more positive results than has the lieutenant. Good hunting, man in blue!

Thanks again to Ken. And a few more issues to be added to your sub. I'm glad to see that the Navy has such an able champion in Ken. With his fine defense of the #1 service, I don't have to do anything but sit back and watch Faz sqirm. Keep up the good work!

Movie Trivia

This month's competitors are Jim Makuc, Mark Frueh, Kathy Byrne and the return of Jim Briggs.

86. In "The Nutty Professor," Jerry Lewis notes that there are only two people he can trust with the formula for changing wimps like him into self-confident smoothies. Who are the two trustworthy souls to whom Lewis mails a copy of his formula? — His mother and father
JM: Stella Purdy, Miss Lemmon KB: His mother & his dentist (½ point) JB: His father, and Albert Einstein (½ point)

87. Lew Ayres was not the first actor to portray Dr. Kildare in films. Who was the first actor who did and what was the name of the movie? — Joel McCrea in "Interns Can't Take Money"

JM: Joel McCrea, "Interns Can't Take Money" (2 points)
MF: Joel McCrea, "Interns Can't Take Money" (2 points)
KB: Marty Feldman, "Death by the knife"

88. What ex boxing champion has a bit part in the 1968 movie "The Detective"? — Sugar Ray Robinson
JM: Archie Moore MF: Sugar Ray Robinson (1 point)
KB: Sugar A. Robinson (I'll be nice, 1 point)

89. What actor, as a child, sells Humphrey Bogart a lottery ticket in "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"? — Robert Blake
JM: Robert (Bobby) Blake (1 point) MF: Robert Blake (1 point) KB: Herve Villachiese

90. Which film includes the following speech? "All right then, run, lady, and you keep on running. Buy yourself a bus ticket and disappear, change your name, dye your hair, get lost. And then maybe — just maybe — you're gonna be safe from me." —
JM: "Kathy Byrne Stabs" MF: "Psycho III"? "Texas Chainsaw Massacre II"? KB: "Naked City"

91. What food is actually used to lure rats in "Ben"? — Peanut butter
JM: Cheerios MF: Ground beef KB: Peanut butter (1 pt)
JB: Peanut butter (1 point)

92. One actress appeared in all of the following films: "The Lonely Villa", "The Thread of Destiny", "Rags", and "M'Liss". Who was she? — Mary Pickford
JM: Greta Garbo MF: Mary Pickford (1 point)
KB: Shirley MacLaine

93. In the opening scene of "Blazing Saddles", the villainous cowpokes urge Cleavon Little and the railroad crew to sing a happy work song. What song do they break into? — "I get a kick out of you"
JM: "I get no kick from champagne" MF: "I get a kick out of you" (1 point) KB: a Jewish song

Movie Trivia (cont.)

94. Robin Williams' mother writes a landmark best-seller in "The World According to Garp". What is the title of it? — Sexual Suspect

JM: Sexual Suspect (1 point) MP: A Sexual Suspect (Hmmm... Well, okay, 1 point) KB: Women's Natural Rights JB: Sexual Suspect (1 point)

95. As an advertising agency beginner, Gene Tierney has trouble getting Clifton Webb to endorse a certain item in "Laura". What is it? — a fountain pen

JM: A fountain pen (1 point) KB: Panty hose

This month's scores: Frueh: 7; Makuc: 5; Byrne: 2½; Briggs: 2½.

The overall scores: Frueh: 61; Makuc: 50½; Keller: 30½; Byrne: 14½; Briggs: 9½; Fleming: 7½; Caruso: 6; Wall: 5; Acheson: 3; Del Grande: 2; Michalski: 1; Rosenzweig: 1.

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Fall 1904

RUSSIA DRIVEN FROM SWEDEN
GOODBYE TO AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA (Maro Peters): Retreats A Vie-BOH; A BOH S GERMAN
A MUN-Sil (nso), A TYO S FRENCH A PIE-Ven (nso).

ENGLAND (Greg Murray): F Wal-ION, F NTH-Nwy, F DEN S
GERMAN F Nwy-SWE, F SKA S GERMAN F Nwy-SWE.

FRANCE (Robert Whiting): F Eng-MID, F Mid-WES, A BEL H,
F LYO S A PIE, A BUR S GERMAN A MUN, A PIE S ITALIAN
A VEN.

GERMANY (Ed Jacobs): F Nwy-SWE, A KIE S A MUN, A MUN S
A KIE, A HOL S A KIE.

ITALY (Ricardo Fernandez?): NMR: A APU U, F NAP U,
A VEN U, F Ion U (dislodged, retreats to APU, Alb, Tyh,
Tun or OTB).

RUSSIA (Blaine Powers): A BER S A SIL, A SIL S A BER,
F BAL-Den, F STP(nc)-Nwy, A BUD S A VIE, A VIE S A BUD,
F RUM H, F Swe U (dislodged, retreats to Bot, Fin or OTB).

TURKEY (Russ Rusnak): F Alb-ADR, F Eas-ION, F GRE S
F Eas-ION, F AEG S F Eas-ION, A TRI S RUSSIAN A VIE,
A SER-Rum.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1904

AUSTRIA: ~~Tat~~, Vie (0) OUT!

ENGLAND: Home, Den (4) Even.

FRANCE: Home, Por, Spa, Bel (6) Even.

GERMANY: Kie, Mun, Hol, Nwy, Swe (5) No room, one short.

ITALY: Home, Tun (4) Even.

RUSSIA: Home, Rum, Ber, Bud, Vie, Swe (8) Even.

TURKEY: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, TRI (?) May build one.

PRESS:

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Sorry about that, but I even offered you Trieste, back when you could have gotten it for certain. That along with the convoy to Albania would have put off the Turkish hordes for at least an extra year or two. (and believe me, those Turks are hoary!) I hope you at least bounced him in the Adriatic, before you got dislodged.

MOSCOW-TYROLIA: Good-bye Marc. Sorry to see you go actually. You write well, just not persuasive enough, I suppose.

MOSCOW-LONDON: What do you mean the Kaiser will never see 1904 because we've got him surrounded? It already is 1904 you jerk. By the way, the Capitol of Russia is St. Petersburg.

PARIS-WORLD: I am resigning my position in order to devote more time to my studies. I have enjoyed meeting ya'll and I hope to run into you again in some future encounter. Good luck!

MURRAY-GAME: Don't overlook my COA at the end of this month!

A/H-RUSSIA: Gee, how original: "Turn out the lights..." I'll bet that hasn't been used more than ninety-seven times in the last few years.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Take that you SOB!! HAHAAHAHAHA... I hope you've learned your lesson!!

ST.PETE-LONDON: Well, did you take Sweden? That is the question. Judging from your past moves, I wasn't sure if you would. Clearly, my moves to Den and Nwy were defensive since they would only succeed if you double-crossed me.

BERLIN-WORLD: Please be advised that my NMR was due to inefficiency on the part of the United States Postal Service. What they are doing, getting involved in a European war is totally beyond my comprehension.

WASHINGTON: The United States Postal Service revealed its new motto today. It reads: "when it absolutely, positively has to be there in a fortnight."

MARC-JAMES: Thanks for housing the game. Good luck.

JAMES-MARC: Thanks for sticking it out. See you at MadCon???

As indicated in the press, Robert has resigned from the game. The new French player is Ruth Glaspey 1318 Rennie, Traverse City, MI 49684. The standby for Italy is Earl

Anderson 5 Pine View Terrace, Taylors, SC 29687. Greg Murray will be at Duke until 27 April. After that all letters and calls should go to 3425 Oakcreek Dr., Rocklin, CA 95677. (916)-624-4675. Thank you to Pat Pakel and Jeff Sandelin for unneeded standby orders. Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 orders are due Friday 11 May 1984. Also, all of the proposals failed. No new proposals.

1983-AA - Bonhomme Richard
Winter 1903

FRENCH MILITARY BUILDUP CONTINUES

ENGLAND (Robert Whiting): Has F LON, F NAT, A Nwy, F Swe.
FRANCE (Jeff Sandelin): Builds F BRE, A PAR. Also has
F LVP, F BEL, A PIC, A BUR, A MAR.

GERMANY (Dan Gorham): Retreats A Bel-RUH, Removes A TYO.
Has A DEN, F NTH, A RUH, A BER, A KIE.

ITALY (Mike Kettman): Builds F NAP. Also has A ALB,
F ION, F LYO, A TRI.

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): Has F STP(nc), A FIN, F BAL,
A VIE, A BUD, A RUM, F SEV.

TURKEY (Greg Doyle): Builds A CON. Also has A SER,
A GRE, F AEG, F EAS, F SMY.

Press is being held until next time. There are proposals for a R/T draw and a concession to England. Vote with your Spring orders. NVH=yes. Spring 1904 orders are due Friday 11 May 1984.

1983-CA --Victory
Fall 1904

MID-BOARD GETS CROWDED

AS EAST AND WEST PREPARE FOR A CLASH

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): A BUL-Con, F GRE-Aeg, A SER-Gre,
A RUM H, A Vie-BOH, A GAL S A Vie-BOH.

ENGLAND (Jim Makuc): F LON-Yor, A EDI-Yor, F SKA-Swe,
F Nwy S F SKA-Swe.

FRANCE (Dale Bakken): A BUR-Bel, A RUH S A BUR-Bel,
F ENG S A BUR-Bel, F Mid-IRI, F Mar-SPA(sc).

GERMANY (Ed Menders): F NTH-Eng, F Hel-HOL, A Den-KIE,
A MUN-Ruh, A BEL S A MUN-Ruh, A Boh-Mun (dislodged,
retreats to Sil or OTB)

ITALY (John Caruso): F Ion S AUSTRIAN F Gre-AEG (dislodged,
retreats to Tun, Nap, ADR, Alb or OTB), A TYO-Mun,
A PIE-Tyo, F Wes-MID, F Lyo-TYH.

RUSSIA (Dan Gorham): A STP-Nwy, F Swe S A STP-Nwy,
A WAR H, A Ukr-SEV.

TURKEY (Michael Quirk): F Aeg-ION, F EAS S F Aeg-ION,
A ANK-Con, F SMY-Aeg.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1904

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul (6) Even.

ENGLAND: Home, Nwy (4) Even.

FRANCE: Home, Por, Spa (5) Even.

GERMANY: Home, Hol, Den, Bel (6) Even.

ITALY: Home, Tun, Tri (5) Even.

RUSSIA: StP, Swe, Mos, Sev, WAR (5) May build one.

TURKEY: Home, ~~War~~ (3) must remove one.

Germany and Italy may build if they retreat OTB.

PRESS:

ST. PETERSBURG: The English forces have fired angry bullets at the Imperial Russian forces in Sweden. We must now push on and free Ireland from the English killers. The World will soon learn of the death camps that the English have set up in Belfast when the Russian liberators arrive in that unhappy place.

VIENNA: Why is everyone so concerned about Trieste?

We're not.

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Are you a gutless Caruso toady, or did you put a red block in Trieste?

IRELAND-ST. PETE: In case you haven't noticed, we do our own fighting. We don't need frozen stiffies like you.

GERMANY-SWITZERLAND: Any allies hiding in your country?

PARIS-MUNICH: This was one of the most difficult seasons for me to decide what to do. Sorry things had to be this way.

DALE-JOHN: I'm afraid to look.

ITALY-FRANCE: You kept your word, for a change, so for a change, I'll keep mine.

MAKUC-WORLD: Eat Cow do-do! (My mommy doesn't allow me to curse yet. Shit!)

GERMANY-ITALY: Did you really think I'd lay off you? What a fool!

ITALY-WORLD: Isn't my French puppet doing a nice job?

GERMANY-ENGLAND: Californians always stick together.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Yeah, like 2 dogs in heat.

FRANCE-GERMANY: But I have the meat that beats the heat - and the beer to wash it down.

ITALY-FRANCE: You tell 'em, my good ally.

KATHY BYRNE-FRANCE: Of course you can trust Caruso, he hasn't stabbed anyone for days.

MADMAN-FLYBOY: Happy birthday! Hope you get laid.

Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 orders are due Friday 11 May 1984.

1983-HE - Graf Spee
Fall 1903

CHANGE IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT
SPARKS FRANCO-GERMAN TENSIONS

AUSTRIA (Bob Howerton): A Ser-Gre (destroyed), A Gal-Rum (dislodged, retreats to Vie, Boh, Sil or OTB), A BUD S A Gal-Rum.
ENGLAND (Gregg Fritz): A WAL-Lvp, F NAT-Mid, F LON-Eng.
FRANCE (Ed Jacobs): F IRI-Lvp, F ENG-Wal, F SPA(sc)-Mid, A Bre-PIC, A GAS-BUR.
GERMANY (Mark Fassio): A Den-BEL, F NTH C A Den-BEL, F SKA S F NTH, F HOL S A Den-BEL, A RUH-Bur, A EDI-Lvp, A Boh-TYO.
ITALY (Scott Luckenbill): A TRI S A Alb-SER, A Alb-SER, F ION S AUSTRIAN A Ser-Gre, F Tun-WES.
RUSSIA (Ken Hager): F NWY S GERMAN F NTH, A STP S F NWY, A War-GAL, A RUM S A War-GAL, A UKR S A RUM, F BLA S A RUM.
TURKEY (Greg Murray): A GRE H, F AEG S A GRE, A BUL S A GRE, F Smy-EAS.

SUPPLY CENTERS, 1903

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, ~~Tri~~ (2) Even due to destruction..
ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, ~~Bud~~ (2) Must remove one.
FRANCE: Home, Spa, Por (5) Even.
GERMANY: Home, Den, Hol, Bel, Swe, EDI (8) May build one.
ITALY: Home, Tun, TRI, SER, ~~Gre~~ (6) May build two.
RUSSIA: Home, Rum, Nwy, ~~Ser~~ (6) Even.
TURKEY: Home, Bul, GRE (5) May build one.

PRESS:

INVISIBLE MAN: It looks as if the new USAF Stealth Bomber is at work in the Balkans. Units are disappearing at quite a rate! Or is there a magician's convention in town?

RUSSIA-ITALY: You seem to be making a habit of marching through Trieste. Are you planning to stay this time?

ITALY-AUSTRIA: We must present a united front, my friend!

BERLIN: The German High Command has reached the end of its tether and has attacked a totally useless France. We really prefer peace, but Tim "Mr. Response" Allen has seen fit to "blow off" his gaming commitments he so rashly undertook. This in itself shows poor organizational ability — but to snub continued letters and to "snafu" a good position is sin itself. Death to any France who does not see the wisdom in a F/G alliance!

PARIS: In response to the German High Command's decision to send armies all around the world, and in the spirit of military fraternity and cooperation, French armies were dispatched to Picardy and Burgundy in order to ensure the goodwill and mutual respect that exists between Germany and France.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: I hope you didn't blow it.

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Thanks for nothing!

VIENNA: I sold out to the highest bidder.

ITALY-ENGLAND: I'm on my way to help! The Italian fleet is battle proven - the official fleet of the 1904 Olympics.

ITALY-WORLD: I enjoy reading Parisian press on a turn when France NMR'd.

BERLIN-FRANCE: Ed, are you there? PLEASE be a France that writes!!!!

BERLIN-ENGLAND: Gregg, I take it by your non-response that you have decided to "do what you must" and turn against me. Well, I suppose my actions were a reasonable catalyst for you, but I still offer the hand of service and accommodation, if you agree to terms. I'm not an ogre, really. At least not the last time I checked....

GM-BERLIN: Maybe you should ask Margie...

RUSSIA-GERMANY: I sure hope that army is on its way to England. It's getting too crowded up in Scandinavia.

DUKE: If the word is true, it appears that Army will be meeting the great Blue Devil football team this fall. All you foot-soldiers may as well go ahead and mark down one loss!

?-ALLEN: Are you there, Tim? You never did seem very committed to this game, and I certainly wouldn't mind seeing a new French player. Maybe even one that writes his fellow players more than twice a year.

RUSSIA-GM: This game would be a lot more interesting if we had a French player participating.

GM-RUSSIA: Well, I hope you've got one now.

BERLIN-ITALY: Well, signor Scottini, have you pulled another "Miracle Mets" deal and made a deal with Austria? I think, for all your worries about T/R, you have reached an accommodation with Bob...haven't you, you sly devil? Best to you.

BERLIN-AUSTRIA: Archduke Bob, how goes the war? Who have you decided to be gracious to, and allow to ally with you? I venture to say Italy, but anything seems to go in the Balkans. As I said to Scott, I say to you — good hunting.

NAPLES: The Italian second fleet has extended her cruise for a North Atlantic tour and is not expected to return to her homeport until late 1905.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: I'm not going to say I told you so, but one day you will learn.

BERLIN-ITALY: Sorry, Scott, I really need Tyrolia to defend against the Russian counterattack I'm expecting.

BERLIN-TURKEY: Strange press last issue, mentioning Rumania. But hey, results are what matter, and it looks like T/R have the Balkans at their fingertips. Greece, Serbia—all the small nations flock to the R/T flag! Hail Sultan Greg!

BERLIN-RUSSIA: Warmest regards to Cousin Czar Kenski/stop. Continued appreciation for support of F Nth/stop. Will continue to press for eternal R/G non-aggression against the hostile coalition at my doorstep/stop. Please send money/stop. AM AWAITING YOUR FUTILE REBUTTAL ARTICLE/HA HA!

BERLIN-ALL: You are ordered, under pain of death, not to laugh/agree with anything mentioned by Mssr. Hager in his "rebuttal to the Fassio AF article" article. I'll be listening for any chuckes you may make, and boy, will you be in trouble if I hear anything! Wipe that smile off your face; I saw that!

GM-FAZ: Chuckle, chuckle.

MURRAY-GAME: Please not my COA that will go into effect at the end of this month.

Well, it looks like, yet another player has been replaced. Let's hope that this will be all. Greg Murray will be at Duke until 27 April. After that write him at 3425 Oakcreek Dr., Rocklin, CA 95677.

1983-HM - Mikasa

Winter 1902/Spring 1903

TURKS RETAKE BULGARIA
ITALIAN NAVY SAILS TO ADRIATIC

AUSTRIA (Paul Rosenzweig): Builds A Vie; A Tri-TYO, A Bud-TRI, A Bul-SER, A Vie-BOH, A GAL S RUSSIAN A War-SIL, F GRE S TURKISH F CON-Aeg (nso).

ENGLAND (Pat Pakel): Builds F LVP; F Lvp-NAT, F MID S A BRE-Gas, A BRE-Gas, F ENG S F MID, F Nwy-STP(nc), F Swe-BOT.

FRANCE (Matthew Fleming): Removes A Spa; F POR-Mid, A MAR S A GAS, A GAS S A MAR.

GERMANY (John Caruso): Builds A BER; A BER-Sil, A MUN-Sil, A Bel-BUR, A PAR S A Bel-BUR, A KIE-Mun, F BAL S ENGLISH F Swe-BOT.

ITALY (Jim Makuc): Removes A Tun; A PIE-Mar, F Apu-ADR, F Wes-SPA(sc), F ION U.

RUSSIA (Peter Halfman): Retreats F Bal-OTB, Builds A STP; A STP-FIN, A PRU-Ber, A War-SIL.

TURKEY (James Wall): F Eas-AEG, A Smy-ARM, A Rum-BUL, F CON S Rum-BUL, F BLA S A Rum-BUL.

PRESS:

ENGLAND-ITALY: Moooooooooooooooooooo.

BAL-SWE: Remember, next turn, you S me again.

SWE-BAL: OK!

FRANCE-ENGLAND: One of my favorite rock groups is Queen. Despite the fact that they are weird, their first three albums were exemplary. Recently they have a 'pop' song whose lyrics remind me of your position in this game;

Growing up, young and proud
In the shadow of the mushroom cloud
It comes to you as to us all
Just waiting for the hammer to fall

ANKARA-ROME: Pardon me for being a little nervous but as of March 24 still no letter from you to me has graced my mail box during the length of this entire game. Now I don't know about you but I don't like the things that I'm seeing in this one and if we don't open communications soon in this one it is going to be too late. I really don't want the reputation of being in a game that Caruso actually won. It would be the most embarrassing moment in my entire dip career.

ROME-VIENNA: We find it difficult to conduct foreign affairs with a revolving door government. Please stop the merry-go-round or we may not be around long.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: An interesting offer. However, I cannot condone such a proposal unless you also agree to lay off my best friend, bosom buddy, and wonderful ally, John (the basketball stud) Caruso. Comprendre?

ROME-PARIS: How many Pakels does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

PARIS-ROME: 2.

ROME-PARIS: Thanks for ruining another joke of mine.

PARIS-ROME: How many Pakels does it take to change a tire?

ROME-PARIS: I don't know.

PARIS-ROME: 1 - even Pakels are wxperienced at some things.

BUDAPEST-ROME&PARIS: The 2 of you are sick!

MOSCOW-BUDAPEST: Isn't that sic?

CONSTANTINOPIE-MOSCOW: No, it's six!

Rail Baron

Turn #6 (cont.)

Quirk (AIDS) @Las Vegas; Rolls 9; via UP to 1 W of Pocatello (Burly) - \$17.

Turn #7

Wilson (PNY&W) @Tucumcari; Rolls 4; via CRI&P to 4 NE of Tucumcari (Greensburg) - \$10.

Fritz @Boston; Rolls 7; via B&M, NYC to Cleveland - \$7.

Kettman (Buckeye Line) @San Francisco; Rolls 3; via SP to 1 E of Sacramento (Aubron) - \$22.5.

Anderson (SC&O) @Desertik; Rolls 6; via SP to Reno (\$28.5 payoff), buys NP - \$22. Destination=Mobile.

Quirk @Burly; Rolls 9; via UP, GN to 1 W of Spokane (Coulee City) - \$16.

Turn #8

Wilson @Greensburg; Rolls 4; via CRI&P to Kansas City - \$9.

Fritz @Cleveland; Rolls 3; via NYC to 1 E of Chicago (South Bend) - \$6.

Kettman @Aubron; Rolls 7; via SP, UP to 1 N and 1 E of Salt Lake City (Evanston) - \$21.5.

Anderson @Reno; Rolls 4; via SP to SF/Oakland - \$21.

Quirk @Coulee City; Rolls 8; via GN to Seattle (\$15 pay) buys C&NW - \$16. Destination=Albany.

Turn #9

Wilson @ Kansas City; Rolls 9; via MP, PA to Columbus - \$8.

Fritz @ South Bend; Rolls 3; via NYC, AT&SF to 2 SW of Chicago (Galesburg) - \$5.

Kettman @Evanston; Rolls 4; via UP to 2 NW of Denver (Laramie) - \$20.5.

Anderson @ SF/Oakland; Rolls 9; via SP to 2 W of Phoenix (Yuma) - \$20.

Quirk @Seattle; Rolls 7; via GN to 4 E of Spokane (Browning) \$15.

Turn #10

Wilson @ Columbus; Rolls 7; via PA to Pittsburgh (\$23.5 payoff), buys nothing - \$30.5. Destination=Chicago.

Fritz @Galesburg; Rolls 8; via AT&SF, CRI&P to 3 NE of Tucumcari (Gate) - \$4.

Kettman @Laramie; Rolls 6; via UP to 2 W of Kansas City (Lincoln) - \$19.5.

Anderson @Yuma; Rolls 6; via SP to 1 W of El Paso (La Cruces) - \$19.

Quirk @Browning; Rolls 4; via GN to 7 W of Fargo (Glasgow) \$14.

Railroads currently owned:

Wilson: PA

Fritz: SAL, D&RGW, GM&O

Kettman: CMSTP&P

Anderson: ACL, NP

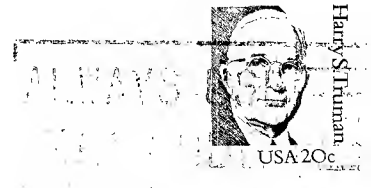
Quirk: GN, WP, C&NW

PRESS:

LAS VEGAS: An outbreak of AIDS here has led to fears that the disease is spreading. However, spokesmen say AIDS will be kept west of the Mississippi for some time to come.

CHICAGO: President Marshall Field announced that the Buckeye Line would be expanding from the northern route of the CMSTP&P to points east and south. It will continue to specialize in long and slow travel routes.

Deadline for Rail Baron is Friday 27 April 1984.



More Mikasa PRESS:

PARIS-ROME: What do transvestites & Pakel have in common?

ROME-PARIS: I don't know.

CONSTANTINOPLE-ROME: I know.

ROME-CONSTANTINOPLE: Go ahead, bigmouth.

CONSTANTINOPLE-PARIS: They can't have sex.

THE WALL-GM: F NWG-NWG? What the hell did that mean?

You'd better check to make sure that there wasn't a misprint/typo there.

GM-THE WALL: OOPS! yes, it was a typo.

THE WALL-FLEMING: Are you planning on coming up for

Mad-Con Memorial day weekend in Madison at my place?

If so, you may want to get hold of Don Schleifler, if for no other reason than he has a car, and he makes it to RusnakCons.

TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Truly amazing! First you go for a short sighted one dot stab then you NMR. That is the type of thing I've come to expect from Palter. It's CLOBBERING TIME!

ENGLAND-ITALY: If, for some strange reason, you might like support into Spain, then perhaps it might not be a bad idea to write me.

ANKARA-MOSCOW: When you're down and troubled, and you need a helpline hand.... You've got a friend.

ENGLAND-GM: Not nice. You lied to me! I sent you my quote after you said that you would be willing to trade your quote for someone else's quote. So what did I get? Ed Wrobel's pathetically easy quote! Liar, Liar, pants on fire!!

GM-ENGLAND: Not true! My offer (and I quote from RM #11) is "to trade information with any and all of you." I never said what information. I traded what I thought was fair.

THE WALL-WOODHEAD: You really ought to encourage press more. It's not your fault that no one writes in this one but if they start writing press you never know what might happen.

WOODSON-THE WALL: I agree 100%. I'd love to have more and better press. But what do you expect me to do. I think that the black press policy is about all I can do to encourage it. I figure if you're not restricted by dateline you can be a bit more creative. I'd like to have a game like RIGEL in VoD (although typing it would be a chore), but that all up to you guys. I have to admit that I haven't seen anything really outstanding written for any of these games.

Thanks to Brad Wilson for unneeded standby orders. Fall 1903 orders are due Friday 11 May 1984.

Forgotten note for Hartford: Russ Rusnak has a new address: Bldg 6, Apt 105, 16 W 536 Honeysuckle Rose, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Rail Baron

Turn #1

Wilson (P,NY&W Line): New York: Rolls 8; via PA to Columbus - \$19.

Fritz: Charleston: Rolls 9; via ACL, RF&P to Washington (\$5 payoff), buys SAL - \$10. Destination=St. Louis.

Kettman: Pittsburgh: Rolls 8; via B&O, C&NW to 2 west of Chicago (Dubuque) - \$19.

Anderson: Chattanooga: Rolls 7; via SOU, N&W to 3 north of Charlotte (Lynchburg) - \$19.

Quirk: San Francisco: Rolls 11; via SP, GN to 1 SW of Spokane (Walla Walla) - \$19. (AIDS Line)

Turn #2

Wilson: Columbus: Rolls 11; via PA, SLSF to 3 north of Dallas (Ft. Smith) - \$18.

Fritz: Washington: Rolls 9; via B&O to 2 east of StLouis (Vincennes) - \$9.

Kettman: Dubuque: Rolls 3; via C&NW to 1 NE of Omaha (Ft. Dodge) - \$18.

Anderson: Lynchburg: Rolls 8; via SOU, PA to Baltimore (\$5.5 payoff), buys ACL - \$12.5. Destination=Reno.

Quirk: Walla Walla: Rolls 5; via GN to Spokane (\$11 pay), buys GN - \$12. Destination=Las Vegas.

Turn #3

Wilson: Ft. Smith: Rolls 5; via SLSF to Dallas (\$16 pay), buys NOTHING - \$33. Destination=Phoenix.

Fritz: Vincennes: Rolls 9; via B&O to St. Louis (\$9 pay), buys D&RGW - \$11. Destination=Boston.

Kettman: Ft. Dodge: Rolls 5; via C&NW, UP to 4 west of Omaha (Julesberg) - \$17.

PRESS:

NEW YORK: Due to a large amount of venture capital raised because of sharp management, the small Princeton, New York, and Western Railroad Company will be launching a major expansion, said President Vanderbilt Hill Morgan today at a press conference here.

Corporate HQ will remain in Princeton for the time being with new branch offices opened in Lake Forest, IL; Philadelphia; New York; Nashville; Boston; Kansas City; Oakland; Dallas; and Charleston, SC. Future offices will open soon in Cleveland, Seattle, Denver, Richmond, Los Angeles, and St. Louis.

Industry analysts commented the PNY&W would be in a strong position to make a major entry into the national market. They noted the PNY&W's acquisition of offices in the aforementioned cities plus yard facilities in each one except Charleston where the Fritz Corp. seems to be keeping out the PNY&W by strong-arm tactics. If yard facilities are unavailable in Charleston, Southeast HQ will probably move to Tampa. A PNY&W executive hinted at filing a complaint with the ICC against Fritz Corp.'s musclemann efforts against free enterprise in Charleston, SC.

President Morgan will be departing on a tour through Pennsylvania, the Midwest and the lower plains scouting acquisition possibilities soon.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: Charleston police arrested two PNY&W junior executives outside their office for jay-walking.

Turn #3 (cont.)

Anderson (SC&O Line) @Baltimore: Rolls 7; via B&O to Cincinnati - \$11.5.

Quirk (AIDS) @Spokane: Rolls 3; via CMSTP&P to 1 NW of Butte (Missoula) - \$11.

Turn #4

Wilson (PNY&W) @Dallas: Rolls 11; via T&P, SP to 3 west of El Paso (Bisbee) - \$32.

Fritz @St. Louis: Rolls 2; via NYC to 1 SW of Indianapolis (Terrehaute) - \$10.

Kettman @Julesberg: Rolls 8; via UP to 1 north of Salt Lake City (Ogden) - \$16.

Anderson @Cincinnati: Rolls 8; via B&O, MP to Kansas City - \$10.5.

Quirk @Missoula: Rolls 9; via CMSTP&P, UP to 1 SW of Salt Lake City (Eureka) - \$10.

Turn #5

Wilson @Bisbee: Rolls 8; via SP to Phoenix (\$11 payoff), buys PA - \$12. Destination=Pittsburgh.

Fritz @Terrehaute: Rolls 8; via NYC to 1 east of Buffalo (Rochester) - \$9.

Kettman @Ogden: Rolls 4; via SP to 1 east of Reno (Lovelock) - \$15.

Anderson @ Kansas City: Rolls 5; via UP to 3 west of Omaha (North Platte) - \$9.5.

Quirk @Eureka: Rolls 10; via UP to Las Vegas (\$17 payoff), buys WP - \$18. Destination=Seattle.

Turn #6

Wilson @Phoenix: Rolls 9; via SP to Tucumcari - \$11.

Fritz @Rochester: Rolls 5; via NYC, B&M to Boston (\$12 payoff), buys GM&O - \$8. Destination=San Diego.

Kettman @Lovelock: Rolls 9; via SP to San Francisco (\$27.5 payoff), buys CMSTP&P - \$23.5. Destination=St. Louis.

Anderson @North Platte: Rolls 10; via UP, SP to 4 east of Reno (Desertik) - \$8.5.

PRESS:

DALLAS: At the Texas Division office of the PNY&W, Pres.

Vanderbilt Hill Morgan quashed rumors of an imminent PNY&W acquisition of a Texas railroad. "Not interested - the track beds are in sad shape throughout Texas." He did note some of the Midwestern railroads he checked into seemed to be in good shape.

RICHMOND: Southeastern regional HQ for the PNY&W will be located here after the Anderson/Fritz monopoly bought up all yard facilities in the Deep South. Vice-President, Southeasternhead, Lionel Steamer, acknowledged the PNY&W being shutout of the Deep South was a major blow to President Morgan's expansion plans. The ICC turned down the PNY&W's complaint of monopoly practices by Anderson/Fritz.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: A jeering mob of Fritz Corp. plug-uglies taunted the PNY&W's office staff as they shut down Southeast operational headquarters here, to be moved to Richmond. President Morgan promised from El Paso that he would be inspecting the southeastern area soon.

PRINCETON: The PNY&W announced all 14 of its regional offices were opened last week. These offices gave the PNY&W a strong strong position for marketing nationwide.